

IN THE CLAIMS:

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What is claimed is:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An internal combustion engine exhaust component comprising:

_____ a shell having an outer surface and an inner surface and defining a chamber, wherein the inner surface of the shell ~~having~~has a first part susceptible to exhaust condensate contact and a second part not susceptible to the exhaust condensate contact; and

_____ a lining ~~being~~applied over only the first part ~~only so as of the inner surface of the shell~~ to protect the first part from the exhaust condensate contact.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the lining covers approximately one-third to one-half of ~~the~~a surface area of the inner ~~wall~~surface of the ~~outer~~ shell.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An internal combustion engine exhaust component comprising:

_____ a shell having an outer surface and an inner surface and defining a chamber; and

_____ a lining applied over approximately one-third to one-half of ~~the~~a surface area of the inner surface of the shell.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3 in which~~ wherein the lining is applied to the first part of the inner ~~wall~~surface of the ~~outer~~ shell by spot welding.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an internal combustion engine exhaust component comprising the steps of:

_____ providing a shell having an outer surface and an inner surface and defining a chamber;

_____ determining ~~the parts~~ a part of the inner surface of the shell which will be contacted by condensates when in operation; and

_____ applying a lining to ~~those parts~~ the part of the inner surface of the shell which will be contacted by the condensates.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The method of making an internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 5 comprising the step including the steps of providing the ~~shell as~~ a substantially flat sheet of material, applying the lining to the ~~shell~~ substantially flat sheet of material and then forming the ~~shell~~ substantially flat sheet of material into ~~the~~ a shape of the ~~exhaust component~~ shell.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~ The method of making an internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 5 or 6, in which wherein step of applying the lining is applied by includes spot welding the lining to the shell.

8. (NEW) The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 1 wherein the shell has a shell thickness and the lining has a lining thickness, and the shell thickness is thicker than the lining thickness.

9. (NEW) The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 3 wherein the shell has a shell thickness and the lining has a lining thickness, and the shell thickness is thicker than the lining thickness.

10. (NEW) The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 3 wherein the lining is applied to the inner surface of the shell by spot welding.

11. (NEW) The method according to claim 5 including the step of forming the shell to have a shell thickness that is thicker than a lining thickness of the lining.